

## S. BATTLESHIPS

Are On Their Homeward Course

## THUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED

Calendar of Places Visited. Christmas and New Years to Be Spent Afloat

Washington, Nov. 28—Final plans have been made by the Navy department for the dispatch of the fleet on its homeward voyage from Manila to Hampton Roads. According to the itinerary, the battleships will sail from Philippine capital next Tuesday and arrive at Colombo, Ceylon, December 1. After coaling at Colombo, the fleet will proceed direct to Suez, where it is to arrive on January 5. The officers and men will spend the Christmas and New Year holidays afloat, but provision has been made for a proper celebration on board the vessels, and so far as possible, all the delicacies of the sea will be provided. Owing to the date, however, it will probably seem like Christmas to the tars.

The fleet will pass the canal and coal expeditiously as possible at Port Suez. Then the fleet will divide and different ships go to the following Mediterranean ports:

The Connecticut and the Vermont will arrive at Villefranche January 14 and leave January 27.

The Minnesota and the Kansas will arrive at Marseilles January 14 and leave January 27.

The Georgia, the Nebraska and the Stucky will arrive at Genoa January 14 and leave January 27.

The Rhode Island and the New Jersey will arrive at Leghorn January 15 and leave January 27.

The Louisiana and the Virginia will arrive at Malta January 15 and leave January 19, arriving at Algiers January 19 and leaving January 30.

The Ohio and the Missouri will arrive at Athens January 13 and leave January 15.

The Wisconsin, the Illinois and the Maryland will arrive at Naples January 17 and leave January 27.

The first division, consisting of the Connecticut, the Kansas, the Vermont, the Minnesota, will arrive at Naples January 31. They will coal and leave February 3, arriving at Gibraltar the same day. The second and fourth divisions will arrive at Negre Bay February 1, coal and leave February 6 to join the first division.

The fleet will then steam to Hampton Roads where it is due to arrive February 21.

The dates of the arrival at the Mediterranean point may vary a day or two, but the standard speed of ten knots an hour, which makes for economical cruising, will be maintained. The fleet hopes there will be no entertaining in this trip.

Many wives of naval officers will accompany the fleet in the Mediterranean, in addition to those who will follow the fleet home.

## That "Reaction"

The "reaction" against the prohibition movement that has been so confidently predicted by some short-sighted anti-prohibitionists for months past is over. Come to think of it, maybe it has never been so strong as it has just been. In fact, some recent happenings in the always interesting battle between rum and law would seem to show that it is coming.

Reasons are an example. A few days ago the people of that state voted on the question of writing prohibition into the constitution. Somebody got whipped by a majority of 22,000—and it wasn't the prohibitionists. Is that "reaction?"

The Indiana Legislature, in special session, passed a county local option law September 27 that will work wonders in a hurry, and will soon go into effect. It will drive the saloons out of Indiana and is the largest city in the great strengthened the anti-prohibition state.

Michigan, in that the state legislature has passed a law that will drive the saloons out of Michigan.

five wet. Over 1,000 saloons were put out of business. Maybe that is the "reaction."

Maine's recent state election involved the question of resubmitting the prohibition question, and her citizens decided to "let well enough alone." Some more "reaction."

Michigan has recently voted ten counties dry. And now comes "Truth," organ of the Michigan liquor men, and solemnly declares that twenty-seven more counties will soon fall in line. This is Michigan's contribution to the "reaction."

Washington State has just passed through the hottest primary in the history of the State. The fight was for the nomination of a Legislature and Governor. The anti-saloon league conducted a most vigorous fight and helped secure the nomination of a splendid majority of the Legislature for a good set of liquor laws and the Governor favorable to such legislation besides. That's "reaction" in the far northwest.

"Reaction?" Pshaw! In this good year 1908, saloons have been closed at the rate of 30 per day. At 30 feet frontage for each saloon, that makes a mile frontage each week—52 miles frontage for the year. And this is "reaction." Give us lots more of it.

C. L. COLLINS,  
Supt. Fla. Anti-Saloon League.  
Jacksonville, Oct. 12, 1908.

## Deaconess Parkhill Visits Arcadia

Deaconess Harriet Randolph Parkhill of Orlando, who for thirty years has been engaged in the missionary work of the Episcopal church of this Diocese, has been in town this week to organize a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

On Monday afternoon the Deaconess held a missionary service for women at the home of Mrs. Locke and gave an earnest and inspiring talk on the subject of missions. A branch of the Auxiliary was then organized by her, to hold its first meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, 3:30 p. m., at St. Edmund's church.

The Deaconess was entertained at the Arcadia House by Mr. and Mrs. Roe, and on Tuesday afternoon held an informal reception in its hospitable parlors. She left on Thursday to visit Pt. Myers and Punta Gorda in the interest of her work and returning later, will go to Wauchula, Bartow and Mulberry.

The presence of such an earnest and consecrated worker in the cause of missions is uplifting and inspiring to all who come in contact with her.

## Arcadia's Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was quietly spent in Arcadia. As usual, a number of our people, men, women and children went picnicking to the woods; others attended a Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian church, sermon by Rev. Mr. Baker, of the Baptist Church, and ate a Thanksgiving dinner at home. The day was faultless, warm, sunny and altogether delightful and so far as we have learned no casualties other than those that follow the consumption of too much good food occurred, for which let us be truly thankful. It was not always thus.

## At Work for the Fair

C. C. Pearce was in Arcadia Wednesday. It will be remembered that Mr. Pearce was awarded several premiums at the State Fair last year, and altho he is still waiting for his cash, he is enthusiastically at work for the next one, and is as full of plans for success as a coconut is of meat. We were astonished at the showing Mr. Pearce made of the products of his farm and he promises to do even better this year than last, so we may expect great things.

## Mammoth Sweet Potato

On view at The Champion office is a mammoth sweet potato grown at Bunker by our friend and subscriber, Tom L. Bates. Thirty pounds is its weight. We are not allowed to sample its quality, for Mr. Bates says it is to go to the State Fair at Tampa a little later on. Mr. Bates has been generous to us, however, for he brought along a sack of smaller sized potatoes to eat, that we know are of excellent quality, for we have tested them.

Mrs. R. E. Brown entertained the Ladies League Wednesday afternoon, and was successful in first prize.

## THE SILK WORM

Dr. K. V. Osigian, the Celebrated Armenian

## FLORIDA IS WELL SUITED

The Mulberry Tree Their Natural Food. These Trees Do Well In Florida

That the soil of Florida is peculiarly adapted to the cultivation of the mulberry tree for the production of the silk worm and that the manufacture of silk will eventually prove one of the leading industries of the state, is the firm belief of Dr. V. K. Osigian, the Armenian silk culturist, who recently moved to the city for the purpose of entering this special line of business here.

Relative to silk manufacturing and the advantage Florida offers to this industry, Dr. Osigian has the following to say:

"Gold trees or mulberry trees grow in Florida in one year as they do in Europe in three years. Florida is the Eden of the mulberry tree and paradise of the silk worm. The silk producing season in Florida may be extended over a period of six to eight months, while in Europe it only lasts as many weeks. In China the mulberry is called the golden tree on account of the great remuneration it has brought her people. We can and should raise our own silk and keep at home more than \$150,000,000 that we pay to foreign countries each year for our silk.

"The time required to raise a crop of silk or silk season is from April 5 to May 14, forty days, or one-ninth part of a year, while for a cotton crop forty-nine weeks are required.

"The work is nearly all indoors, light, pleasant and interesting. A family of five persons, including, say three children ten or 15 years of age, can in six weeks, care for a crop of six ounces of silk worm eggs or seeds.

"Cost for eggs at \$1.50 per ounce, \$9. A good average production of an ounce of eggs is 120 to 150 pounds of fresh or forty to fifty pounds of dry cocoons.

"Dry cocoons are those after the chrysalis are killed by heating or steaming and cocoons are thoroughly dried, six ounces of eggs should produce them as a good average crop, 240 pounds of dry cocoons.

"Food required for six ounces of eggs will be about 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of any kind of mulberry leaves, the white mulberry being the best variety to use. At two or three years old they will produce thirty-five to fifty pounds of leaves, or say, 300 two-year or three-year-old trees would be necessary to produce the 12,000 pounds of leaves needed. Mulberry trees are properly planted about twelve feet apart, and at this distance it means 300 trees to the acre. So that one acre will furnish enough trees for this crop, but as they grow, they rapidly increase in food furnishing capacity. A five-year-old tree will furnish eighty-five to 100 pounds; an eight-year-old tree, 140 to 150 pounds, and a fifteen-year-old tree, 200 pounds.

"If to the work above required is added the work of two grown persons for the last two weeks of feeding the worms and two more workers during the last week of feeding, the crop can be doubled and twelve ounces of hands can be handled. Using 600 three-year-old trees and two acres of land, and the returns would be between \$450 and \$500.

"The only care the trees require during the year is to trim them and keep down the weeds, but for pasture the mulberry orchard will be worth more than all cost for its care, and until the trees are several years old some garden truck or crop can be raised in the orchard between the trees.

"The silk crop is as sure, indeed, surer than almost any other crop, it is an indoor crop and is not dependent on the weather and most of the work in caring for it is indoor work and during the most pleasant season of the year."

—Times-Union.

## Postoffice Common Sense

The postoffice deficit for the fiscal year was \$16,910,000. Part of the falling off is due to financial depression, part to the

fact that rural free delivery does not yet pay.

Postmaster General Meyer urges a special local parcels-post service on the rural routes to make them self-sustaining, as well as to be a boon to the farmer and the country merchant. He suggests as a rate five cents for one pound and two cents for each additional pound up to eleven. All the rural carriers use horses or automobiles to save their legs. An average burden of only fifty-five pounds to a trip would mean an annual business of \$15,000,000, nearly all profit. Would a man in private business hesitate to act on such a showing?

Mr. Meyer is known to be favorably disposed toward a general parcels-post. Presumably it is because he despairs of getting it that he modestly suggests a half-loaf measure. The four reasons why we, unlike every other civilized nation in the world, have no parcels post still hold as they did when John Wannamaker first started them.

Those four reasons were and are, the American Express Company, the Adams Express Company, the Wells-Fargo Express Company and the United States Express Company. They are not good reasons, but they are strong ones.—World.

The World might add one more—the Southern Express Company.—Miami Metropolis.

## A Prosperity Jingle

There is not very much poetry, but a great deal of truth in the following jingle:

Say, you,  
With a dollar or two,  
Or three or four,  
Or a whole lot more  
Stuck away—don't knock!  
Take that money out of your sock  
And put in circulation—  
It's as safe as the nation—  
And, by heck!  
You daren't say it's going to wreck.

Circulate it; let it get out  
And move about  
And you'll mighty soon see  
Restored commercial activity.

Loosen up, loosen up,  
Put your money where  
It's bound to give the thing a start  
And make it go for fair.

With every business end alive,  
With stock and crops to burn,  
If you'll put your money in  
You're bound to call the turn.

Say, you've seen a cloudy day,  
When you knew the sun was up in the sky;  
But it could not shine till the clouds rolled by,  
And that's what is the trouble with you.

Let your money get through from where it's hid;  
Get down the jar; take off the lid;  
Push the clouds aside;  
Let your money shine.  
Lend a hand;  
Kick the stuffing out of the panic.  
Down the whole line.  
See! That's business.

—APOLOGY.

## Cuba's Orange Crop

Max J. Baehr, American consul at Cienfuegos, Cuba, now in Washington, D. C., in referring to orange growing in Cuba, says:

"The orange crop is the largest ever produced, according to Mr. Baehr, who said that 500,000 crates was a conservative estimate of this year's crop, which is the largest in the history of the island. Until a few years ago, continued Mr. Baehr, thousands of crates of oranges were brought to Cuba from Florida and California every year, but for the last three seasons these shipments have become less and will possibly cease entirely within another year. Orange cultivation on a scientific scale did not begin in Cuba until about eight or nine years ago, and may be considered in its infancy, but is progressing rapidly, and even at this early stage is now in a position to supply the local markets. The orange business on the island is controlled almost entirely by Americans."

## Bazaar Postponed

On account of the theatrical performance to take place on December 10, it has been necessary to postpone the Bazaar of the St. Edmund's Guild until December 17.

The program of the evening will be published next week.

## SCHOOL CONTEST

Eight Pupils Contest for Gainesville Delegate

## GRADY BURTON THE WINNER

A Large and Enthusiastic Crowd Contestants Did Credit to all Concerned

Quite an interest was manifest at the students oratorical contest held at the school house on last Friday night. Every seat in the auditorium was filled and more were needed. The contestants were Miss Martha Livingston, Louie Morgan, Edmond Scott, Bernard Noble, Willie Mitchell, Grady Burton, Wilbur Carlton and Chester Dishong.

The first prize was awarded to Grady Burton, whose address, one of Henry W. Grady's best efforts, "The New South," seemed to possess the young orator's spirit. It was considered the best where several others were so excellent as to make the decision difficult by the awarding committee. Edmond Scott's effort was also so successful as to merit a prize and he was awarded the second place. Miss Livingston was the rosebud of the occasion and made an excellent impression on the audience, as did several of the other contestants, each of whom had friends present who felt sure they should get first prize, the same being not a medal, but the appointment as Arcadia's delegate to the state contest to be held in Gainesville in January, the collection at the door to be used for defraying the expenses of the delegate.

The music for the occasion was exceptionally fine, being contributed by Mesdames Daniels and Smith and Misses Penick, Carlton, Wood, Watson, Williamson, Bourne, Whidden and Clark.

## A National Forest Reserve

Washington, Nov. 27—President Roosevelt today issued a proclamation creating a national forest reserve at Ocala, Fla., the section being set aside for the growth and preservation of trees under the direct supervision of the government.

This Florida reserve is the first to be set aside purely for the growth and preservation of the forests east of the Mississippi river, and consists of 201,980 acres. It is located in a section almost ideal for the purpose to which it is devoted and the government officials in the department of agriculture expect valuable data from the experiments in forestry which will be carried on there. No arrangement has been made as yet for the caretaker, and the superintendent of the new reserve or the many assistants which will be needed, but it is certain that this reserve, being a pioneer among those of this character will be placed in charge of the most competent man the government can secure for the purpose.

This new reserve in Marion county, Fla., is free of encumbrance except for about one-fourth of its area which is held by various persons under different grants and land laws. A compromise which will be favorable to these holders will be brought about before the government takes formal possession of the tract, which probably will not be for several months.—American Press.

## Only Good Men

Governor-elect Albert W. Gilchrist has stated positively that he will not appoint to office any drunkard or any incompetent to office during his term as governor. The Metropolis believes the now governor will not appoint a drunkard or incompetent to office, for that would at once show lack of judgment on his part. Why should governor-elect Gilchrist state that he will not appoint a drunkard or incompetent? Is it a message to somebody? Miami Metropolis.

## Married

Married, on Tuesday, December 1st, at 9 a. m., at the home of the bride's parents in Arcadia, Rev. H. Keigwin officiating, Miss Dauphine Simmons to Mr. Herbert Weaver, of Grove City. The couple left immediately for their future home at Grove City.

Eighteen counties have already begun active preparations for county exhibits at the next State Fair, Tampa, February 3-27.